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WYETH PHARMACEUTICAL, : Civil Action No. 03-1293 (KSH)

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We think Glaxo is dispositive: MS. BLAIS:

Okay. Let me give you the benefit of THE COURT: my thoughts on this bifurcation issue. We all know that you're here seeking bifurcation of issues of patent liability versus willful infringement and requesting a stay of One of the requests for the stay was based on the discovery. Knorr-Bremse Systems v. Dana Corp. decision, 344 F.3d. 1336 (F.Cir. 2003). As far as I know, there's been no rulings and we don't know if it's been ruled upon. ...

MS. BLAIS: There has not been.

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MR. LEWRIS: To my knowledge, no ruling.

THE COURT: No, okay. That was the -- among the requests for the stay. Then thereafter, the Court received correspondence, and the Court does appreciate have this case law brought to its attention, recent decisions out of the Federal Circuit as recently as July 27, 2004 in Glaxo Corp. v. Apotex, which form the basis upon which Teva has asked the Court to -- I withdraw that -- has asked the plaintiffs to withdraw their willfulness claim under the view that the case says you can't have a -- you can't pursue willfulness in an ANDA filing case.

By way of background, the parties are aware of course that on March 24, 2003 they -- Wyeth filed this action asserting Teva infringed three United States patents, the 171 25 patent, 120 patent; and the 958 patent referred to herein as

collectively the patents in suit, and incorporate, by reference, the full citations from the complaint.

They allege the infringement occurred when Teva filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 355(j) for approval to market a generic version of Wyeth's antidepressant drug, Effexor XR. See the amended complaint at Paragraphs 8 and 14, as well as the letter of Teva dated June 29, 2004, Page 1.

Wyeth alleges that the proposed generic version of Effexor XR will infringe one or more of the claims of the patent in suit and that Teva has willfully infringed the patents in suit by filing its ANDA. Counsel has further amplified some of its theories regarding willfulness here today.

In its answer, Teva denies Wyeth's claims, asserts a failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, alleges noninfringement and patent invalidity as affirmative defenses and has counterclaims for judgments declaring noninfringement and patent invalidity. The answer does not specifically assert Teva relied on the advice of counsel in filing its ANDA. The parties have made clear that it's — this is not a case about monetary damages, but rather, when it comes to money, about attorney's fees, and that will occur if there's a finding, perhaps, of willfulness, depending on how one uses the <u>Glaxo</u> case.

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There's been discovery demands served, as the Court understands it, seeking information regarding issues of willfulness. Teva now claims discovery on this willfulness topic either should never occur because in its view, <u>Glaxo</u> holds the filing of an ANDA cannot constitute a willful infringement, or in its papers, it should argue — it has argued that it should not occur until liability is decided.

Are you withdrawing that argument or are you arguing it in the alternative, either don't allow anything to happen, or at least don't let anything happen until liability is found? MS. BLAIS: Yes:

THE COURT: Okay. I just want to make sure you --you want to go through both analysis, okay.

MS. BLAIS: Yes, that's right.

and I do so mindful of the fact that I'm doing it with the eye towards whether or not discovery is relevant, whether or not there's a dispositive finding about the application of the cases for Judge Hayden to make. So be mindful of how I'm using it, because I'm here evaluating a discovery dispute as I read the case law.

As I mentioned already, counsel for Teva provided the Court with a copy of the <u>Glaxo Group</u>, <u>Ltd. v. Apotex</u> case, Civil No. 03-1575, 2004 WL 1660960 (Fed. Cir. 2004).

In that case, the Federal Circuit, at least as I read it,

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held that the filing of an ANDA without more cannot support the claim that a manufacturer willfully infringed existing patents to support the award of attorney's fees.

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Teva has argued that given Wyeth's sole allegation of infringement is based on the filing of the ANDA, the Glaxo case renders Wyeth's claims of willfulness moot, and the Court should preclude discovery on any claims regarding willfulness. Wyeth argues that Glaxo is indistinguishable from this case and, therefore, does not render Teva's bifurcation motion most or preclude it from proceeding with discovery on willfulness. They argue that Glaxo is distinguishable because it involved an ANDA, which did not contain a Paragraph 4 certification and they further argue that the case is more akin to Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Company, Ltd. v. Danbury Pharmacal, Inc., 231 F.3d 1339, 1342 (Fed. Cir.) in which the Federal Circuit upheld a legal feeaward because of willfulness in an ANDA case, based in part on the ANDA filer's submission of an unfounded Paragraph 4 certification. That's Wyeth's reading of the case.

Wyeth argues <u>Yamanouchi</u> should be read
harmoniously with <u>Glaxo</u> and that <u>Glaxo</u> would be
distinguishable here. Looking at the <u>Glaxo</u> case, the Federal
Circuit reversed the District Court's finding of willful
infringement and noted, "the highly artificial" act of
infringement of filing an ANDA and that the "limited set of

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statutorily defined consequences [to such a filing] set forth in 35 U.S.C. 271(e)(4). See the Glaxo case at Page 8. And I'm using the WestLaw cite.

The court specifically noted that Section 271(e)(4) which limits remedies to an innovator company related to the filing of an ANDA to delaying the effective date of the ANDA approval until the expiration of the existing patent be enjoining the infringer from marketing the infringing product and see money damages only "if there has been commercial manufacturer use offered to sell or sale within the United States." See the Glaxo case at Page 8.

Otherwise, a court may award attorney's fees under Section 285 for an ANDA seeking approval of an infringing drug. Section 285, the Glaxo court noted, provides for an award of legal fees to the prevailing party only in exceptional circumstances such as "inequitable conduct before the PTO, litigation misconduct such as vexatious or unjustified litigation or frivolous findings, and willful infringement." See the Glaxo case also at Pate 8.

Counsel has argued today that in <u>Glaxo</u> the courts were stating that while "a myriad of factual circumstances may give rise to a finding of cases exceptional for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. 285, this court has limited what types of conduct may give rise to award of attorney's fees for the purposes of Section 271(e)(4)."

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Yamanouchi case and in Glaxo, in summarizing the District Court's decision in Yamanouchi, the Glaxo court stated, "The District Court [in Yamanouchi] had found that the generic company's ANDA filing constituted willful infringement, but we did not adopt the rationale on appeal. Instead, we caution the trial court need not have elevated the ANDA certification into a finding of willful infringement and held that the Danbury entire conduct justified the award of attorney's fees, noting that the generic company failed to present even a prima facie case of invalidity in filing its Paragraph 4 certification, hence making a baseless filing and proceeded to present its case in litigation, despite glaring weaknesses." Internal quotation marks are omitted and it's a citation by Glaxo to Yamanouchi at 231 F.3d. at 1347.

Therefore, the court continued, "In Yamanouchi we did not agree that the generic company had engaged in willful infringement, but rather determined an award of attorney's fees was permitted because the generic had filed numerous baseless filings supporting its fruitless and meritless arguments both in its cases at trial and in its ANDA certification. Such unjustified litigation misconduct has always justified a finding of an exceptional case.

Consequently, as suggested by Yamanouchi, we now hold that the mere fact that a company has filed an ANDA application or

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certification cannot support a finding of willful infringement for the purposes of awarding attorney's fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 271(e) (4)...because 35 U.S.C. 271(e) (2) is designed to create an artificial act of infringement for purposes of establishing jurisdiction in federal courts, we hold the District Court committed a clear legal error in finding a mere filing of an ANDA could form the basis of a willful infringement finding."

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considered it in light of Yamanouchi and based on its reading the Court concludes that discovery could be permissible on issues of willfulness because there could be activity that would support willfulness on top of the filing of the ANDA. I understand the Glaxo case to be teaching that just the ANDA filing, without more, is not going to give you a finding of willfulness, but there could be circumstances that would support a finding of willfulness potentially, and that a dispositive motion on this point may be appropriate at the appropriate time, but for this purpose, and based on my reading of this case, it appears that the willfulness issue is still a proper issue to pursue. Whether or not the ANDA filing alone is enough is a different issue.

So for those reasons, the Court will not -- withdraw that. Let me strike that.

For those reasons, the Court will address the

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propriety of whether willfulness discovery should go forward in a bifurcated or nonbifurcated fashion.

Now turning to the application for bifurcation. Teva seeks an order to bifurcate these cases in two phases. First, on liability of whether Teva infringed the patents in suit and whether Teva infringed willfully. Teva argues bifurcating the case and staying discovery on willfulness would expedite the resolution of the liability issues and . defer or avoid costly, possibly unnecessary, litigation on the issues of willfulness, which would be reached only upon a finding of liability.

Teva further argues that bifurcating the trial would spare it from having to choose during the liability phase of trial to waive the attorney-client privilege in order to assert an opinion of counsel defense and risking an inference of willfulness to preserve the privilege, which is a problem that's described in -- as the Quantum dilemma, and it's named for the Quantum Corp. v. Tandon Corporation case, 940 F.2d. 642, 643-44 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Teva also argues that staying the willfulness phase of the trial is advisable because the Federal Circuit is considering the issues in the Knorr-Bremse case, which I made reference to at the outset, and this may, in their view, affect this case and the decision of the court will likely occur during the pendency of this litigation.

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Finally, Teva argues bifurcation advances the purpose of the Hatch-Waxman Act, which would require the FDA to withhold approval of any ANDA that is subject to an infringement action for 30 months, or until a decision rendered on validity and infringement, whichever is shorter. Bifurcation, Teva argues, would result in a quicker adjudication of the validity of the patents in suit and thus, assuming there's a finding of liability in Teva's favor, expeditiously bring "affordable prescription drugs to the public." See its brief at Pages 5 and 6.

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In opposition, Wyeth has argued separate trials would be inefficient and would inconvenience the Court, witnesses, and the parties. Wyeth further argues since there's no issues of damages in an ANDA case, a basis upon which courts have historically bifurcated patent cases, and since this is a bench trial rather than a jury trial, the risk of confusing a fact finder is lessened and bifurcation is unwarranted.

Wyeth further argues the case is analogous to those in which courts have denied bifurcation and stays of discovery relating to issues of willfulness. Wyeth further argues that separate trials may waste judicial resources because of the significant overlaps of proofs between infringement and willfulness.

Wyeth further argues that the Hatch-Waxman Act

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would be frustrated rather than furthered because bifurcation here would delay trial. Wyeth further argues it would be prejudiced by bifurcation and a stay would delay -- because of the delay in trial, duplication of discovery and duplication of witness testimony.

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They further argue and they've made that argument here today that the <u>Quantum</u> dilemma issue is not presented because the court has not been presented by way of in-camera submission the documents at issue. In absence of such evidence, Wyeth argues the Court should reject Teva's invitation of bifurcation and staying this case. They further argue that there should be no stay pending the <u>Knorr-Bremse</u> decision.

Wyeth has made additional and related arguments here in open court today. Moreover, Wyeth seeks an order requiring Teva to produce the opinions of counsel -- make the election of whether it's going to produce or not by a date certain.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42 provides. The court, in furtherance of convenience and to avoid prejudice or when separate trials would be conducive to expeditious and economy, may order a separate trial of any claim, crossclaim, counterclaim, or third-party claim, or of any separate third-party claims or issues. FRCP 42(b). The decision on whether to bifurcate is based on the circumstances of the

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individual case at issue and is within the District Court's sound discretion. Gardoo Manufacturing, Inc. v. Herst

Lighting Company, Inc., 820 F.2d 1209, 1212 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

See also Barr Labs, Inc. v. Abbott Labs, 978 F.2d 98, 115 (3d Cir. 1992).

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The decision to bifurcate is within the Court's sound discretion and that's been recognized in both the Third Circuit and the Federal Circuit. While it may be appropriate to order separate trials in some cases, separation is not the usual course that's followed. Response of Carolina, Inc. v. Lesco Response, Inc. (phonetic), 537 F.2d 1307, 1323-24 (5th Cir. 1976). Kimberly-Clark Corp. v. James River Corp. of Virginia, 131 FRD 607-608 (N.D. Ga. 1989). See also Fuii Machine Manufacturing v. Hover-Davis, Inc., 982 F.Supp. 923, 924 (W.D.N.Y. 1997). In the Fuji case the court succinctly stated that bifurcation is the exception, not the rule.

Teva as "The party seeking bifurcation has the burden of showing that bifurcation is proper in light of the general principle that a single trial tends to lessen the delay, expense, and inconvenience to all parties." Miller v. N.J. Transit Authority Rail Operations, 160 FRD 37-40 (D.N.J. 1995) quotations and internal citations omitted. See also Fuil 982 F.Supp. at 924.

The party seeking bifurcation must further demonstrate it would be prejudiced if separate trials were

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not granted. Thus, in deciding this motion this court must consider whether Teva has met its burden of showing judicial economy would be served by bifurcation and that it would avoid if a prejudice if issues of willfulness were bifurcated from those of liability.

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while there is a great deal of nonbinding authority suggesting bifurcation may be appropriate in certain cases, see for example, Princeton Biochem v. Beckman Instruments, Inc.; 180 FRD 254, 258 (D.N.J. 1997), Apatar Group, Inc. v. Owens Illinois, Inc. (phonetic), Civil No. 02-56058, 2003 WL 21557632 at 1 (N.D. Ill. 2003), Naxen v. GTE Info Systems (phonetic), 89 FRD 341, 342 Note 10. It does not appear judicial economy is necessarily served by bifurcating discovery or trial here and many cases addressing these topics have agreed.

First, the argument that willfulness and liability issues do not overlap and, therefore, simultaneous trials would be confusing is not persuasive under the circumstances of this case. Courts are split over the general proposition of whether issues of willfulness overlap with those of liability. Compare William Rieber, LLC v. Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (phonetic), 220 FRD 533, 541 (N.D. Ill. 2004) where the court found a significant overlap between information and witnesses related to both liability and willfulness and went as far as saying unified discovery

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of those issues, with the exception of attorney opinions made sense and was the better course.

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Real v. Bunn-O-Matic Corp.), 195 FRD 618, 625

(N.D. Ill. 2000) where the court found a willfulness determination; that is, the defendant's state of mind when it infringed the patent, was a finding inextricably bound to the facts underlying the alleged infringement. See also Kimberly-Clark, Corp., 131 FRD 609 finding in the same way. And you can compare that with the Princeton Blochem case which made an observation that 'a determination regarding patent infringement did not require detail according to elements of willful infringement."

So different courts have viewed this in different ways. The parties -- I guess, Wyeth in its papers suggested that there was evidence in support of an overlap of evidence and this Court can envision a circumstance where there would be overlapping evidence. Indeed, this evidence will all be presented to one fact finder. Whether Her Honor chooses to have you stagger what's presented when will be a judgment call for her.

And this relates to the second reason why
bifurcation doesn't seem to make sense. Unlike many cases
seeking bifurcation, the risk of jury confusion is absent
here. This is a bench trial. Unlike a jury, the District
Judge is well positioned and able to disregard irrelevant

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evidence, and as I've already mentioned, the parties could approach the Court with perhaps staggering the presentation of evidence saving willfulness until and if liability is established.

On the other hand, Her Honor could accept all of the evidence simultaneously, and I believe the parties would have no great fear that there would be anything but a proper consideration of the evidence for its proper purposes.

Third, there's nothing before the Court to suggest the willfulness proof is going to be particularly complex, or excessive, or expensive to put together. Teva has not shown there's been any — there will be any relevant benefit in terms of savings of time and expense in staying willfulness discovery or bifurcating the trials. And for this proposition, courts such as the <u>Real</u> case, 195 FRD at 623, 624 has come to the same conclusion.

Fourth, staying discovery until after liability could just build in more delay and complications.

Theoretically, if we were to stay everything on the willfulness component, it could go forward to Judge Hayden, have your trial on liability, and have to come back before this Court for a new discovery schedule, a new final pretrial order, and that is not consistent with what Rule 1 talks about is just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of cases.

See Johns Hopkins, 160 FRD at Page 36, and the full cite for

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Johns Hopkins is Johns Hopkins University v. Cellpro, 160 FRD 30. The point I was citing from was Page 36 (D. Del. 1995).

Finally, judicial economy and conserving resources of the parties supports allowing all discovery to go forward and not bifurcating the trial. If bifurcation would be granted, particularly in a case like this where we're talking about foreign depositions, it's possible we could have multiple depositions of witnesses, some of whom reside in foreign countries, and expense, and inconvenience to both counsel and those witnesses would be apparent. Moreover, it is much more efficient to work towards one trial and one appeal. See the Johns --

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THE COURT: -- would not be an economical use of the Court or the litigant's resources, and on those grounds the Court is denying the application to bifurcate the trial and staying discovery.

Now the other reason why a stay is being sought is based on the so-called Ouantum dilemma. As I understand the application from Teva, they don't believe they should be forced, at this time, to indicate whether or not they're going to rely -- a certain reliance on counsel defense. They argue by requiring it to participate in discovery on the issue of willfulness we would be prejudiced because we're

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required to disclose privileged materials or face an adverse inference for failing to do so, as they read the case law out of the Federal Circuit.

The Federal Circuit has considered these circumstances in the <u>Quantum</u> case, as I've already cited, and I imagine counsel here is very familiar with the <u>Quantum</u> case and its procedural background. For the purposes of the record, during the pretrial discovery phase, Quantum moved to compel Tandon to produce opinion letters regarding the patents in suit or, in the alternative, be precluded from making any reference to, or reliance upon counsel as a defense.

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After an in-camera review, the District Court granted Quantum's motion to compel and later denied the motion to bifurcate discovery at trial and willfulness.

Tandon appealed. The Federal Circuit dismissed the appeal as interlocutory, but noted in dicta, "An accused infringer...should not, without the trial court's careful consideration, be forced to choose between waiving the privilege in order to protect itself from a willfulness finding in which case it may risk prejudicing itself on the question of liability and maintaining the privilege, in which case it may risk being found to be a willful infringer if liability is found. Trial courts thus should give serious consideration to a separate trial on willfulness whenever the

particular attorney-client communications, once inspected by the court in-camera, reveal the defendant is indeed confronted with this dilemma.* See the <u>Ouantum</u> case at Pages 643-44. The court did not consider whether the District Court decisions were proper, but recommended this procedure of reviewing the documents in-camera.

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In a case decided by Judge Sarokin -- former Judge Sarokin, the Norex (phonetic) case, he construed the dicta in Quantum as "Suggesting that once defendant asserts he's faced with dilemma identified in Quantum, the trial court should inspect the defendant's attorney-client documents in-camera to ascertain that the dilemma is legitimate and "if the dilemma is real...bifurcation of the willfulness issue is an appropriate way to proceed." The Norex case is 1993 WL

Judge Sarokin provided alternative ways that this could be dealt with. He -- just give me a moment. The District Judge further opined, "If the Magistrate decides that early discovery of defendant's documents would unfairly prejudice defendant on the liability issue, the Magistrate could order the issue of willfulness to be severed.

Defendant would then have the opportunity, after a liability determination was reached, to decide whether to assert their reliance upon the advice of counsel defense. Conversely, if the Magistrate determines that a defendant would not be

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unfairly prejudiced by early disclosure of its attorneyclient communications, the Court would be justified in
refusing to sever the issue of willfulness and ordering a
unified trial. At this point, defendant would be required to
make an election regarding his defenses. If the defendant
chose to assert the advice of counsel defense, plaintiff
would be entitled to timely discovery of the attorney-client
communications, otherwise, the attorney-client privilege
would be preserved. See the case at Page 2.

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Judge Sarokin noted, however, that the Magistrate
Judge could "still decide not to sever the issue of
willfulness based on such other considerations as prejudice
to the plaintiff, unnecessary expense and delay, and
duplication of evidence."

Taking these cases together, the inference is if there's -- there must be an in-camera inspection. There's been no submission to this Court for any review of any documents. In any case, after careful consideration, and even when there is an in-camera review, the level of relief granted to a defendant who seeks a stay and bifurcation very much is a fact-sensitive inquiry. Some courts have granted bifurcation and a stay, even at the mere risk of a Quantum dilemma. See Novopharm, Ltd. v. Torpharm, Inc., 181 FRD 308 at 312 (E.D. N.C. 1998). See the Princeton Biochem case, 180 FRD at 258.

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Other courts have allowed discovery to proceed on all issues, but phased the trial. See the Johns Hopkins University case, 160 FRD at Page 36, Haney v. Timesavers, Inc., Civil No. 92-270 (1992 WL 36536 at Page 1), Armstrong Manufacturing v. Wright Machines Tool Company (phonetic), Civil No. 91-1021, 1992 WL 58733 at Page 1 (D.Or. 1992), Latrim Corp. v. Hewlett-Packard (phonetic), 791 F. Supp. 113, 118 (R.D.La. 1992).

Another option is to allow discovery to proceed on all issues except the advice of counsel issue, leaving the defendant to its Ouantum choice of whether to assert the privilege or waive it only after the disposition of dispositive motions. See the A.L. Hanson Manufacturing v. Bauer Products, Civil No. 03-3642, 2004 WL 1125911 at Page 3 (N.D. Ill. 2001). See <u>William Rieber, LLC</u>, 220 FRD 541.

Other courts have concluded willfulness shouldn't be bifurcated at all, discovery should go forward because there'd be no undue prejudice to the defendant. See the Real case, 195 FRD 625-26, Futi Machines, 982 F. Supp. at 924. those cases the courts have noted that proof of defendant's state of mind was intertwined with the facts underlying the alleged infringement and that the issue of willfulness may be relevant to both liability and damages. See the Kimberly-Clark case, 131 FRD 609, Smith v. Alaska Pipeline, 538 F. Supp. 977, 986 (D.Del. 1982), Braun; Inc. v. Dynamics

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Corp., 975 F.2d 815 at 822.

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Some courts have required an election by the date dispositive motions are to be filed. Kind of the bottom line to all this case law is, different courts are doing different things based on what the cases say and what the circumstances of those cases are.

What really informs this Court in large part is the fact this is a bench trial and the concerns can be addressed by virtue of the fact that we're not talking about a jury misusing information, number one. Number two, there's been no submissions to this Court to review what privilege — what prejudice would occur if the documents were disclosed. So not only would judicial economy be frustrated by the stay, but I don't have anything before me that shows that the <u>Quantum</u> problem is apparent.

In Novopharm v. Teva Pharm., the District Court in the Northern District of Illinois denied Teva's motion to bifurcate issues of willfulness and damages from liability finding "judicial economy will be promoted by one trial on all relevant patent issues." And in response to Teva's Quantum dilemma argument, the court found, "It had failed to show that prejudice would be avoided by a separate trial of willfulness and damages issues" because it produced no documents for in-camera review.

Accordingly, Teva's motion is denied. Discovery

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will proceed on all issues. I will set a date by which you can make your election and we can proceed after that. And I've made reasons with respect to judicial economy, the lack of showing of any prejudice all weigh in favor.

With respect to the request to stay everything pending the outcome of -- I mean willfulness discovery with -- pending the Knorr-Bremse case, even if the Federal Circuit is well-positioned to resolve this dilemma, it's been the subject of many different opinions already. See the A.L. Hanson Manufacturing case. The decision by the Federal Circuit could be some time off and this Court, like others. will not stay a matter in whole or in part pending its arrival. See the Cimi v. PPG Industries, Inc. (phonetic), 218 FRD 416, 418 (D.Del. 2003). In that case the court recognized the multitude of litigation related to the opinion of counsel defense and how that may be impacted by the Knorr-Bremse case but noted that "the day of clarification is somewhere in the future and the present parties require an answer now. * See also Pioneer Hybrid International Ottowa Plant Food, Inc., 219 FRD 135, 147 (N.D. Ia. 2003) finding it "inappropriate for this court to attempt to predict or anticipate what the ruling of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals may be at some indefinite time in the future. Rather, the court must follow what is controlling at law at this time."

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For similar reasons, this Court will not grant a stay pending the outcome of the <u>Knorr-Bremse</u> case. That's not to say the parties can't stagger when they do things. You may all make a decision that it makes sense to stagger when you accomplish certain types of discovery, but that's a different issue.

Okay. The next issue is -- that relates to this is a request for leave to make a dispositive motion on the Glaxo case. So I really didn't hear from the other side on the application on that point.

MR. LEWRIS: Your Honor, this whole issue has been before the -- has been on the table since last July. They can go forward and rely on the <u>Glaxo</u> case. They don't have to produce any opinions of counsel.

THE COURT: So you don't think -- but I think what they're -- well, let me let you speak for yourself, sorry.

MS. BLAIS: The case was decided last week and we think it's legitimate to move on that basis.

THE COURT: Tell me about the other dispositive motion practice that would happen in this case. At what point would it happen, after all expert discovery?

MR. LEWRIS: Dispositive motions on substantive issues presumably after expert discovery.

THE COURT: It would have to be that far out?

MR. LEWRIS: Yeah. I would think that -- I don't

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